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SUBJECT: PANGU ENDORES KIKI FOR PARLIAMENTARY SEAT

1. SUMMARY: PANGU PATI HAS ENDORSED FORMER FONMIN KIKI AS ITS CANDIDATE IN APRIL'S BY-ELECTION FOR PORT MORESBY'S NORTHEAST DISTRICT. WHETHER THE ABLE KIKI WILL RE-ENTER GOVERNMENT REMAINS DOUBTFUL AS KIKI IS APPARENTLY NOT CONVINCED HE WANTS TO FOREGO HIS NEW BUSINESS INTERESTS AND EVEN IF HE WERE TO RUN, THE RACE LOOKS LIKE A DOGFIGHT AMONG KIKI, EX-POLICE MINISTER LOWA, A UNITED PARTY CANDIDATE AND PAPUA BESENA WHICH IS TRONG IN MORESBY, END SUMMARY.

2. SIR MAORI KIKI, FORMER DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER AND ONE OF PNG'S MOST CAPABLE PUBLIC FIGURES, HAS BEEN ENDORSED BY PANGU AS ITS CANDIDATE FOR THE PORT MORESBY NORTHEAST SEAT FROM WHICH FORMER POLICE MINISTER PATTERSON LOWA WAS REMOVED BY COURT ORDER IN LATE 1977 BECAUSE OF RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENTS. WHEN LOWA  
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LEFT, PRIME MINISTER SOMARE FIRST GAVE THE POLICE PORTFOLIO TO FATHER JOHN MOMIS AND THEN ASSUMED IT HIMSELF, INTENDING TO HOLD IT FOR LOWA'S RETURN. KIKI AND SOMARE HAVE HAD A LONG AND CLOSE ASSOCIATION IN POLITICS, BUT SOMARE PREFERRED TO ENDORSE LOWA WHO HAD BEEN THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGER OF PANGU'S LAST CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, A PANGU PARLIAMENTARIAN TOLD AN EMBOFF A FEW

DAYS AGO THAT THE PARTY'S PARLIAMENTARY WING WAS ADAMANT AGAINST ENDORSING LOWA AS PROPOSED BY SOMARE AND HAD SENT SOMARE BACK TO THE PARTY EXECUTIVE TO RECONSIDER THE ENDORSEMENT. SOMARE CAPITULATED.

3. KIKI'S SKILLS ARE NEEDED BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT HIS RETURN IS BY NO MEANS CERTAIN. FIRST, SIR MAORI IS DOING VERY WELL FINANCIALLY AND IS NOT SURE HE WANTS TO RUN ALTHOUGH HE RECENTLY EMPHASIZED TO THE AMBASSADOR THAT HE IS A POLITICIAN NOT A BUSINESSMAN. SECOND, EVEN IF HE RUNS, HIS ELECTION IS BY NO MEANS ASSURED DESPITE PANGU'S ENDORSEMENT. LOWA INTENDS TO RUN ANYWAY AND HE WON THAT SEAT LESS THAN A YEAR AGO. THE UNITED PARTY HAS A GOOD VOTE-GETTER RUNNING AGAIN AND PAPUA BESENA'S APPEAL IN MORESBY CAN NEVER BE DISCOUNTED.

4. THE BY-ELECTION IS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF KIKI'S RE-ENTERING THE GOVERNMENT BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF PATTERSON LOWA'S FUTURE. LOWA, FORMERLY A LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN THE DEFENCE FORCE, IS A BRIGHT FELLOW WHO CUT A WIDE SWATH IN A FEW MONTHS AS MINISTER FOR POLICE, PICKING UP ENEMIES RIGHT AND LEFT AS HE SHOOK UP THE ROYAL PNG CONSTABULARY, TRIED TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN DEFENCE FORCE AFFAIRS AND ANTAGONIZED THE HIGHLANDERS WITH COMMAND SHIFTS AMONG SENIOR POLICE OFFICERS IN THAT AREA.  
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